

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1           1.     A method for receiving performance information over a network for  
2     generating a pseudo-live performance, the method comprising:  
3                 detecting a need for the performance information;  
4                 selecting a process for obtaining the needed performance information; and  
5                 executing the process.
- 1           2.     The method of claim 1, wherein the detecting a need for the performance  
2     information comprises one or more of:  
3                 determining a time of a previous information reception event;  
4                 detecting a status of a storage device; and  
5                 accessing a profile.
- 1           3.     The method of claim 2, wherein the profile indicates one or more of:  
2                 a type of information desired by an end-user;  
3                 a schedule of an end-user; and  
4                 scheduled times at which information is transmitted by a performance  
5     transmitter.
- 1           4.     The method of claim 1, wherein the selecting a process comprises  
2     determining whether a performance transmitter can receive an information request.
- 1           5.     The method of claim 4, wherein the determining whether a performance  
2     transmitter can receive an information request comprises one or more of:  
3                 transmitting a query signal to the performance transmitter;  
4                 passively receiving a signal from the performance transmitter; and  
5                 accessing a profile.
- 1           6.     The method of claim 4, further comprising:  
2                 generating an information request; and  
3                 transmitting the request to the performance transmitter via the network.
- 1           7.     The method of claim 1, wherein the selecting a process comprises  
2     determining an appropriate time to receive information from a performance transmitter.
- 1           8.     The method of claim 1, further comprising generating the pseudo-live  
2     performance by mixing information corresponding to one or more portions of the needed  
3     performance information with other information.

1           9.     The method of claim 8, the generating the pseudo-live performance  
2 comprising:

3                 retrieving the other information;  
4                 decoding one or more commands of the other information; and  
5                 performing one or more tasks instructed by the commands.

1           10.    The method of claim 9, wherein the one or more commands includes one  
2 or more of programming commands that execute a software program, housekeeping  
3 commands that load, delete, change or overlay stored information, and performance  
4 commands that reproduce stored information from one or more specified locations of a  
5 storage device.

1           11.    A method for transmitting performance information over a network,  
2 comprising one or more of:

3                 transmitting the performance information in response to a request received  
4 via the network;

5                 transmitting the performance information periodically; and

6                 transmitting profile information that indicates one or more of:

7                         a capability to respond to individual requests; and

8                         a predetermined time when the performance information will be  
9 transmitted.

1           12.    The method of claim 11, wherein the performance information is  
2 transmitted by a performance reproduction device.

1           13.    The method of claim 11, wherein the performance information is  
2 transmitted by an original source of the performance information.

1           14.    A pseudo-live performance generator, comprising a controller that:  
2                 detects a need for performance information;  
3                 selects a process for obtaining the needed performance information; and  
4                 executes the process.

1           15.    The pseudo-live performance generator of claim 14, wherein the controller  
2 detects the need for the performance information by one or more of:

3                 determining a time of a previous information reception event;

4 detecting a status of a storage device; and  
5 accessing a profile.

1 16. The pseudo-live performance generator of claim 15, wherein the profile  
2 indicates one or more of:

3 a type of information desired by an end-user;  
4 a schedule of an end-user; and  
5 scheduled times at which information is transmitted by a performance  
6 transmitter.

1 17. The pseudo-live performance generator of claim 14, wherein the controller  
2 determines whether a performance transmitter can receive an information request.

1 18. The pseudo-live performance generator of claim 17, wherein the controller  
2 performs one or more of:

3 transmitting a query signal to the performance transmitter;  
4 passively receiving a signal from the performance transmitter; and  
5 accessing a profile.

1 19. The pseudo-live performance generator of claim 17, further comprising:  
2 a request generator that generates an information request, wherein the  
3 controller transmits the request to the performance transmitter via the network.

1 20. The pseudo-live performance generator of claim 14, wherein the controller  
2 determines an appropriate time to receive information from a performance transmitter.

1 21. The pseudo-live performance generator of claim 14, wherein the controller  
2 generates the pseudo-live performance by mixing information corresponding to one or  
3 more portions of the needed performance information with other information.

1 22. The pseudo-live performance generator of claim 21, wherein the  
2 controller:

3 retrieves the other information;  
4 decodes one or more commands of the other information; and  
5 performs one or more tasks instructed by the commands.

1 23. The pseudo-live performance generator of claim 22, wherein the one or  
2 more commands includes one or more of programming commands that execute a  
3 software program, housekeeping commands that load, delete, change or overlay stored

4 information, and performance commands that reproduce stored information from one or  
5 more specified locations of a storage device.

1       ~~24.~~ A pseudo-live performance transmitter, comprising:  
2               a transmitter; and  
3               a controller coupled to the transmitter, the controller performing one or  
4 more of:  
5                       transmitting performance information in response to a request  
6 received via the network;  
7                       transmitting performance information periodically; and  
8                       transmitting profile information that indicates one or more of:  
9                               a capability to respond to individual requests; and  
10                              a predetermined time when the performance information  
11 will be transmitted.